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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM LO PRESIDENT TO GEORGE MEANY ON ILO

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1. IN HIS AUG 30 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, LO PRESIDENT TOR HALVORSEN EXPRESSED HIS CONTINUING CONCERN WITH POSSIBLE US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO. IN RESPONSE, THE AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT MOST APPROPRIATE WAY FOR LO TO EXPRESS THESE VIEWS, OF WHICH USG WAS AWARE, WAS FOR LO TO CONTACT AFL-CIO DIRECTLY.

2. WE HAVE NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT IN A LETTER DATED SEPT 9, HALVORSEN WROTE TO AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY, REPEATING LO'S CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO, AND URGING AFL-CIO TO RECOMMEND TO USG THAT IT DELAY TAKING ITS
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DECISION TO WITHDRAW FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

3. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS: "DEAR GEORGE MEANY: WE WRITE TO YOU ONCE MORE TO BRING UP THE MATTER OF ILO.
"YOU ARE AWARE OF OUR HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN DO NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO IN NOVEMBER 1977, NOT AT ANY OTHER TIME FOR THAT MATTER. YOU ARE

AWARE, NO DOUBT, OF OUR APPREHENSION, AND THE APPREHENSION OF THE LEADERSHIPS OF OTHER DEMOCRATIC TRADE UNION FEDERATIONS, LEST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN TRADE UNION REPRESENTATIVES DISAPPEAR FROM THE COUNCILS OF ILO LEAVING AN IMPORTANT FIELD OPEN TO INFLUENCES THAT ARE NOT DEMOCRATIC.

"IN OUR VIEW, THE ILO IS IMPORTANT FOR THE WORK FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. IN PARTICULAR, THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL, SURELY, BE INFLUENCED BY THE CONTACTS WHICH ARE SHAPED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION.

"ALSO YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE OF OUR APPREHENSION AND THAT OF OTHERS, WITH REGARD TO THE WIDER CONSEQUENCES IF ANY OF THE BIGGER POWERS WITHDRAW FROM ANY PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM. ABOVE ALL, THE POWERS MUST BE IN CONTACT AND RELATED TO EACH OTHER IN THE PRACTICAL SYSTEM OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THIS IS, IN OUR MIND, AN INSURANCE AGAINST UNPREDICTED AND UNDESIRABLE DEVELOPMENTS, AND IT IS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF PRACTICAL INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. FOR THIS REASON AS WELL WE HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATIONS DO NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO.

"THUS WE WOULD LIKE ONCE MORE TO URGE YOU TO RECOMMEND TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AT LEAST TO POSTPONE THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO. YOU WILL KNOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT SERIOUS WORK IS NOW GOING ON WITH THE AIM OF CREATING A SETTLEMENT - OR AT LEAST A BASIS - FOR THE POSTPONMENT OF A DECISION.

"TRATERNALLY YOURS, LANDSORGANISASJONEN I NORGE, TOR HALVORSEN."

4. COMMENT: HALVORSEN LETTER FOLLOWS CLOSE ON FM FRYDENLUND'S DEMARCHE OF AUG 31 TO THE ABMASSADOR ON ILO. BOTH GON AND LO APPARENTLY CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT SOLUTION TO ILO PROBLEM COULD BE WORKED OUT OVER THE NEXT YEAR IF THE U.S. DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS LETTER OF INTENT FOR ONE YEAR. NEITHER GON NOR ILO, HOWEVER, HAS EXPRESSED TO US THE FORMULA THAT COULD BE USED TO OBTAIN A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION DURING THE PERIOD OF THE DELAY.
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